

DETERMINED TO HOLD ALL LANDS GAINED BY WAR

"Junkers" Appear To Hold Upper Hand In German Crux.

State Chancellor and Foreign Secretary for Retirement.

DELAY REPLY TO WILSON

Turmoil Within Hun Ruling Class Over War Policy.

Reason for Suspension of Peace Conference a Mystery.

(By the Associated Press.)

Control of the destinies of the German empire, press accounts from neutral countries agree, is passing into the hands of the militarists or the leaders who want to hold what was gained by night and the sword. The emperor and his advisers are determined to hold the gains of the war. The chief political office, however, is reported to be preparing to resign, while the military and naval offices are demanding the dismissal of the emperor's chief of staff, the foreign secretary who has headed the German delegation at Brest-Litovsk. In connection with the reported illness of the imperial chancellor, it is reported from Berlin that Count von Hertling's address before the main committee of the reichstag has been postponed for several days. It was said previously that the chancellor would answer the recent war aims statements of President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George before the main committee on Wednesday.

Predict Military Dictatorship.

Coupled with these reports is the fact that the German emperor and the crown prince have been holding conferences with the political and military leaders. It is reported that the German ministers to Denmark and Holland have arrived unexpectedly in Berlin. Indications are that the present turmoil within the German ruling class will result in the acceptance of a firm policy either favoring the militarists or the more peaceful elements. With the probability that the pan-Germans will be victorious. The socialist movement believes a military dictatorship is in the making.

No explanation has been vouchsafed as to the reasons behind the temporary halt in the peace negotiations. Nor has it been announced officially whether the conference, if continued, is to be resumed at Warsaw. A Berlin newspaper says, "Cyprian darkness overshadows Germany's peace terms."

No Sign of Big Hun Drive.

The winter offensives in eastern and Italian fronts has not been broken by large operations. Raids and partial engagements occur here and there and the artillery fire breaks into violence at points now and then but there is hardly anything in the official statement to indicate that Germany's huge reserve of 1,500,000 men from the Russian front is to begin its heralded blow very soon.

HANG THREE NEGROES

They Murdered Man Who Went to Rescue of Hold-up Victim.

Butte, Mont., Jan. 15.—Frank Fleish, James Powell and John O'Neill, negroes, were today charged with the murder of Thomas Higgins. Soldiers patrolled the streets and kept unruly crowds of foreigners under control.

The three negroes killed Higgins when he attempted to rescue Frank Sullivan, who was being held up by them, several months ago.

The hangings were witnessed only by city and county officials. O'Neill and Fleish went to their deaths calmly. Powell, who said the rope was being adjusted about his neck.

Keeping Them Quality Up.

LAXATIVE PROMOTION, the World-Famous Cure for Colds and Grip, now 30c per box.

Advance in the price of the six different medicinal, Concentrated Extracts and Chemicals, is necessary to increase the cost to the Druggist. It has stood the test for a Quarter of a Century. It is used by every Civilized Nation.—Adv.

WILL TEACH REBEL YELL TO NEW ARMY

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FIRING SQUAD TO BE SPY 'REWARD' IF FOUND GUILTY

German Agent Wore an American Army Uniform.

Caught in Act of Blowing Up Hampton Roads Arsenal.

WOMAN, GERMAN'S DOWNFALL

Federal Sleuths Trailed Him for Many Weeks.

Sporemann Speaks English Perfectly; Is Highly Educated.

(By the Associated Press.)

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 15.—America's spy hunting machinery was working at full speed today in the chase after accomplices of Walter Sporemann, believed leader in one of Germany's most spectacular plots against this country. Sporemann was in charge of a naval intelligence officer. The search for his companions is on in Washington, New York and other eastern cities. Sporemann, arrested at Norfolk, Va., was charged with the blowing up of the Hampton Roads, had been trailed long by persistent naval intelligence men and justice department agents. They followed him at social affairs and in his journeys to Camp Meade, Maryland, and other military points. He wore the uniform of the United States army, then men dogging him penetrated the disguise, and never letting him out of their sight. He was charged with the blowing up of the Hampton Roads, where it is claimed, he tried to blow it up. A beautiful woman is said to have been his undoing, the officials here are reluctant to reveal what part she played in his detention. Documents found on Sporemann, when arrested in Virginia, indicated that he had an alliance with the notorious Boy-Ed, German military attaché, that he was well supplied with cash and other valuables, and that he was a protectorate for the federal food director, Herbert Hoover.

GUFFLER FOR HOOVER

Poehler Mercantile Company Manager Tells of Co-operation With U. S.

"The three prime duties of the progressive wholesaler are to act as warehouseman, adviser and banker for the retailer," was the statement of O. F. Guffler, manager of the Poehler Mercantile company, at the meeting of the Current Topic club at the Central Y. M. C. A. Monday night. Guffler went on to outline the many and diversified services of the big wholesale companies to the consumer in gathering delicacies and food products from the ends of the world for the use of the localities they serve.

"All wholesale companies worthy of the name of a mercantile establishment," said Guffler, "are in hearty co-operation with the federal food director, Herbert Hoover."

AFRICA AND INDIA, TOO

British Labor Party Sends Message of Freedom to Russia.

London, Jan. 15.—The British labor party in a message to the Russian people made public today announced that the British people accepted the Russian principle of self-determination of people and no annexations for the British empire, particularly in the middle east, Africa and India.

The British labor party in a message issued today declares in favor of placing the whole of tropical Africa under uniform international control. The more rapid development of self-government for India is promised, and a protectorate for the peoples of Asia Minor by an international organization to be constituted by the peace conference is favored.

SHELDON HOME SOON

Well Known Topeka Pastor Left England About January 3.

Word has been received in Topeka that Dr. Charles M. Sheldon, expected to leave England for America about January 3. While the cablegram received did not state definitely that he was the intention of Doctor Sheldon, it is expected that he will be home possibly next Sunday or the first part of the week. The annual meeting of the congregation of the church has been postponed till next Thursday, January 24, in order that Doctor Sheldon may be present.

Doctor Sheldon has been in England during the last three months conducting a temperance campaign in that country.

Nine Suspects—One a Woman.

With Asch's arrest, nine persons, one a woman, are understood to be held by government authorities, suspected of being Sporemann's accomplices.

Federal agents have under surveillance a Baltimore music teacher whose arrest is expected today. In their possession are photographs of this woman taken with Walter Sporemann.

Frederick, brother of the man arrested in Norfolk, was taken from police headquarters to the United States marshal's office today. Here he was questioned and detained.

Find Spy Effects.

Two large boxes filled with documents belonging to Lieut. Walter Sporemann, alleged German spy, arrested at Norfolk and understood to be on his way to Baltimore for a hearing in the federal court, were seized by police in a house at West Payette street. The papers were found in the room of Marius Asch, 31 years old, a German enemy alien. Asch was arrested in a house at West Payette street, and the papers were found in the room of Marius Asch, 31 years old, a German enemy alien. Asch was arrested in a house at West Payette street, and the papers were found in the room of Marius Asch, 31 years old, a German enemy alien.

Asch was the second person to be arrested here in connection with the case. Frederick H. C. Sporemann, a brother of Walter Sporemann, was taken into custody last night. He was technically charged with violating the president's proclamation by changing the residence without notifying the federal authorities.

Taken to Baltimore Today.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 15.—Walter Sporemann, arrested near Morrison, Va., on the charge of attempting to set fire to the army magazine near there, and who was brought to Richmond today, is being taken to Washington this afternoon in charge of federal officers, presumably on the way to Baltimore.

FRESH UPHEAVAL DUE?

Russian Congress Due to Meet Friday May Be Anti-Bolshevik.

London, Jan. 15.—Anti-Bolshevik parties in Russia, according to a dispatch to the Daily News from Petrograd, are using creation of a volunteer army by the Bolsheviks as the basis of an energetic agitation to turn the Petrograd garrison against the Lenin government.

Efforts also are being made to start street demonstrations in favor of the constituent assembly. If the efforts are successful the dispatch adds, the results will be anarchy, than which the Germans could wish nothing better.

The constituent assembly is to meet Friday. It seems probable that it will contain a majority against the Bolsheviks and will try to replace them by another government. Such a government, the Daily News correspondent says, would be infinitely less dangerous as an antagonist of Germany than the present one.

The correspondent is reiterating his defense of Foreign Minister Trotsky and in his dispatches he has been denouncing the fact that the entente allies have not joined in the Brest-Litovsk negotiations. He says that the first step in the struggle is the message of President Wilson which is also described as the first allied utterance, that shows an imaginative understanding of the situation.

ROTARIANS AT C. OF C.

Topeka Club Will Entertain Kansas Presidents Thursday at Noon.

The next meeting of the Rotary club will be held Thursday at the Chamber of Commerce at 12:15 o'clock and those are the facts that Secretary Cecil Howes tries to drive home to every Rotarian in his letter of notification of the meeting.

Among the features of the program will be the well rehearsed effort of the newest Rotarian acquisition, "The Rotary Quartet." The members of the quartet are: Roy Crawford, district governor; Charles L. Mitchell, president; Ferd Funk, treasurer; B. B. Eitelman, secretary; and Frank Beck, bass. The selection tryout is at the request of the quartet.

Other features of the program in the Howes tongue are:

The district governor of the Eleventh district has called all of the presidents of the Rotary clubs of Kansas to Topeka for a council on January 15. It was the first time that the presidents of the clubs have met together.

They are a fine bunch of real citizens, so it is a pleasure to have them here. They are gathered around early and meet them.

"Do you remember Marco Morrow's 'Rotarian's Prayer'?" He read it to the club. It was a beautiful thing. It was published in the Rotarian and is preserved as one of the classics of Rotary literature. It has been set to music and Bert Bartlett is going to sing it.

BOY PLEADS GUILTY

Topeka Youth Who Opened Mail Must Report to U. S. Court.

Kansas City, Kan., Jan. 15.—At the opening of the United States court Monday a number of defendants pleaded guilty before Judge J. C. Pollock. Howard Higgins, colored, must serve three months in the county jail at Topeka and pay \$300 fine for selling cocaine. Ship-Y-Tuck, an Indian, was sentenced to the county jail for 10 days to Indian students at Haskell institute. Lawrence, William Salisbury, a 13-year-old boy of Topeka, pleaded guilty to the charge of supplying German submarines with food and other supplies. His sentence was deferred one year and he will be under orders of the court to report at regular intervals to the marshal.

Attorneys for Raymond I. Moore, his wife, Lenora Warrneson, and Earl C. Broder, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to defeat the draft law, presented a motion to quash the indictment against them on the ground that they were convicted of the same offense in Missouri for the same offense. Fred Robertson, United States district attorney, will undertake today to show the court that the defendants are guilty of the offense.

Did He Star Fires?

An officer making his way past several sentries spoke in German to Sporemann. He pretended not to understand. But when the officer mentioned a social affair which had occurred here, Sporemann immediately became friendly. The officer, pulling a pistol, arrested him.

Officials at Norfolk quizzed him in the hope that they might ascertain something of the first in the business section about the following day, but Sporemann was silent. He is an intelligent man who speaks English and German as well as several other languages.

Mercury Is Skittish

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drop in temperature. The highest temperature ever recorded on this date in Topeka was 59 in 1913, and the lowest was 19 in 1909. The first one of these would be fine, but 20 below, altogether undesirable. Neither one of the records is in any danger of even close approach.

At Oklahoma City this morning the readings for the day were 20 with a temperature of 14 degrees at 7 o'clock. Camp Doniphan was being fanned by a slight breeze from the southeast. The forecast for today, and the temperatures were rising.

The official forecast for the day, interpreted by Meteorologist Flora, says that the weather will be cloudy and somewhat colder west portion tonight.

Shippers should protect 36-hour shipments, north and west against 5 below; east against 5 above; and south against 10 above.

DAILY WEATHER TABLE.

Furnished by the weather bureau office, Topeka, Kan., for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. Tuesday.

High. Low. Prec. Wind. Weather.

Boston, Mass. 28 22 .38 Snow

Rafford, N. Y. 18 14 .00 Snow

Chicago, Ill. 20 0 0 Fair

Cincinnati, O. 20 0 0 Clear

Concordia, Kan. 14 -2 0 Clear

Corpus Christi, Tex. 20 0 0 Clear

Dodge City, Kan. 20 0 0 Clear

Duluth, Minn. 8 -10 0 Cloudy

El Paso, Tex. 48 -30 0 Clear

Fort Worth, Tex. 20 0 0 Clear

Galveston, Tex. 66 34 .01 Clear

Havre, Mont. 62 56 .24 Clear

Jacksonville, Fla. 60 4 0 Clear

Kansas City, Mo. 20 0 0 Cloudy

Los Angeles, Cal. 50 30 0 Cloudy

New Orleans, La. 20 30 0 Cloudy

New York, N. Y. 20 20 .28 Rain

St. Louis, Mo. 20 0 0 Clear

St. Paul, Minn. 20 0 0 Cloudy

St. Petersburg, Fla. 20 24 .82 Snow

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